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25X1X6 The following background information has been obtained on Julian Quesada Alonso, aka Julian Tessada Alonso, whose connection with the Spanish Communist Party in Chile has previously been reported:\*

1. Available data indicate that Quesada joined the Communist Party of Spain when it was founded in 1929, and has been an active member ever since. In Spain he was a post office official and a member of the directive body of the Union General de Trabajadores (UGT). During the Spanish Civil War he allegedly acted as a censor for the Republican government, controlling postal and telephonic communications.
2. Following the fall of the Spanish Republican government, Quesada Alonso fled to France where he is believed to have resided until he was sent by the Spanish Communist Party to Chile. He arrived in Valparaiso, Chile, on 28 March 1940 aboard the SS WINNIPEG and was accompanied by his wife and two children. Since that time, Quesada Alonso has played an important role in the activities of the Spanish Communist Party, and prior to the departure of Antonio Guardiola was designated by him as the Chilean leader of the Spanish Communists.
3. At one time Quesada Alonso was reported to be the manager and director of La Verdad de Espana, the official Spanish Communist newspaper in Chile, and he also wrote articles for the Chilean Communist newspaper El Siglo. He was also said to have acted as liaison agent between the Spanish and Chilean Communists, and between the Soviet Embassy and the Chilean Communist Party (PCCh) during the time Soviet diplomatic personnel were in Chile, although this report has not been confirmed. Early in 1948 Quesada Alonso was reported to have stayed in the same hotel in Los Andes with Jorge Calero, retired Bolivian Army major, who allegedly went to Chile to enter into contact with Communist agents. At that time, Quesada's name was listed among the Communists sought by the Chilean police.
4. No record has been found, however, that Quesada Alonso was ever arrested by the Chilean police. His reported friendship with Gonzalez Videla may have been the cause of his immunity from arrest.
5. He is believed to be in close contact with Manuel Delicado and other well-known Spanish Communist leaders, as well as with Julio Alegria Alfaro, the former leader of the Postal Workers Association of Chile and a fanatical Communist.

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6. Quesada Alonso was reported to have changed his name to Tossada in May 1948. At this time he ceased previous activities in the lumber business and attempted to enter the theatrical field. He had written several short plays, but was unsuccessful in having these presented by the Experimental Theater of the University of Chile.
7. Police made a four-day surveillance of Quesada Alonso's activities on 9, 10, 11, and 12 April. During this period it was observed that he spent almost the entire time at his apartment at Calle Huérfanos 1439. Each morning and afternoon he was observed to leave his home, walk to the post office to see if he had received any mail, and then window shop idly before returning home. During this time he received no mail.
8. Although Quesada Alonso allegedly is engaged in selling books for different printing houses in Santiago, indications are that he spends little time at this unremunerative work. He is engaged in no other known business, but both he and his family dress exceedingly well and he apparently has no difficulty in paying 3400 pesos a month for his apartment.
9. Chilean Investigaciones consider his unknown source of income and his activities to be highly suspicious.
10. Quesada Alonso was born 23 November 1903 at Arganda, Province of Madrid, Spain. He is married to Amelia Blanco Riera and has two children. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs about 155 pounds. He is of medium build, has a thin narrow face, a long nose, dark hair, bright brown eyes. He usually wears horn rimmed glasses, is very nervous, and of sickly appearance.

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